

SPECIFICATIONS OF OBJECTION

TO: The Seneca County Board of Elections

OBJECTOR: Name: Lisa A. Hochadel
Residence Address: 79 Center Street, Waterloo NY 13165

OBJECTOR'S CONTACT PERSON:

Name: Lisa A. Hochadel
Mailing address: 79 Center Street, Waterloo NY 13165
Telephone Numbers: 315-539-9376
Fax Number:

The objector submits the following specifications in support of the General Objection to the designating petition for:

CANDIDATE: Name: Robert Shipley
Residence Address: 3008 East Avenue,
Waterloo NY 13165

Public Office or Party
Position: Town of Waterloo County Supervisor
District: N/A
Political Party: Independence

CANDIDATE'S CONTACT PERSON (from the petition cover sheet)

Name: N/A
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone Numbers: _____
Fax Number: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS: ____ 18 ____
NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES ON PETITION: ____ 0 ____

Specific objections are attached.


Objector's Signature

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Specifications of Objections to Petitions filed by Robert Shipley, Michael Enslow, Howard E. Strader, and Steven A. Mueller, for the Independence Party and Conservative Party endorsements.

On July 4, 2017, at approximately 11:30am, I personally observed Mr. Robert Shipley at a residence in the Village of Waterloo. Mr. Robert Shipley was standing in the driveway of the residence speaking with the homeowner. I did not observe anyone else present. The homeowner appeared to be signing “something” on a clipboard, but I was driving by in my vehicle and did not stop. I was aware that Mr. Robert Shipley was running for re election for the position of Town of Waterloo County Supervisor, and assumed he was obtaining signatures for the Republican Party petition. I personally know this homeowner and knew her deceased husband, who I believed both her and her late husband to be Republicans. I understand Mr. Robert Shipley is an enrolled member of the Republican Party.

On July 11, 2017, while at the Seneca County board of elections, I obtained petitions for an “Opportunity to Ballot” under the Independence and Conservative Parties, and was provided a list of registered voters enrolled with the Independence and Conservative Parties. As I reviewed the list, I saw the homeowner, I saw the previous week, as an enrolled member of the Independence Party. At this point I contacted Mrs. Ruth Same at the Seneca County board of elections, who stated Mr. Robert Shipley’s petitions for the Independence and Conservative Party endorsements was notarized by Mr. Shipley’s son, Jeffrey M. Shipley. I further was advised Mr. Jeffrey Shipley not only notarized Mr. Robert Shipley’s petitions, but Mr. Michael Enslow’s, Mr. Howard E. Strader’s, and Mr. Steven A. Mueller’s petitions. Mrs. Same subsequently provided me copies of all eight (8) petitions filed with the Board of Elections on July 11, 2017. Upon review of the petitions, this homeowner did indeed sign all four petitions on July 4, 2017.

On July 12, 2017, at approximately 8:00am, I had a text conversation with a registered voter of the Independence Party, who stated he signed petitions presented to him by Mr. Robert Shipley and Mr. Shipley was by himself, with no one else present. On July 12, at approximately 3:00pm, I personally spoke to this voter on the telephone who again confirmed Mr. Robert Shipley was alone when he signed the petitions. This voter could not confirm how many petitions he signed. I confirmed by review of the petitions, this voter signed four petitions for each of the above named candidates.

On July 15, 2017, in the late morning, I had a personal conversation with a registered voter of the Conservative Party. He stated a couple of weeks earlier, he signed petitions for Mr. Strader and Mr. Mueller, and two others but could not recall the candidate names. I inquired who was

presenting these petitions, and he stated it was “an older gentleman with white/gray hair, driving a light gray or tan work truck”. I asked if the man was Mr. Robert Shipley, and the voter stated he did not know Mr. Shipley, but that indeed this man was alone. I also confirmed by review of the petitions, this voter signed four petitions for each of the above-named candidates. At this time, I am not stating the names of the persons I observed or conversed with, to prevent any form of retaliation or intimidation for speaking with me. Upon request by competent authority, I will gladly provide these names.

As stated in the Election Law, the presentation of petitions by an unenrolled member of that specific party, require accompaniment by either a member of that specific party or a notary public (who will subsequently swear to witnessing signatures on the petition). Based on my observation and conversations with three different signees, it appears Mr. Robert Shipley and Mr. Jeffrey Shipley violated this requirement under the Election Law (and potentially violations of the statutes under the NYS Penal Law), as (1) Mr. Robert Shipley obtained signatures “alone” and with no other witness, and (2) Mr. Jeffrey Shipley swore as a notary he personally observed the signatures, and (3) the petitions were filed with the Seneca County Board of Elections, as official documents.

I performed a search on the NYS licensing registry and neither Mr. Robert Shipley or Mr. Jeffrey Shipley are listed as a notary. However, I did confirm with the Seneca County Clerk on July 19, 2017, Mr. Jeffrey Shipley renewed his notary on June 21, 2017.

I respectfully request the Seneca County Board of Elections review these petitions (a total of 10 pages), filed under the Independence and Conservative Parties, for Mr. Robert Shipley, Mr. Michael Enslow, Mr. Howard E. Strader, and Mr. Steven A. Mueller, deeming them null and void, due to a failure to follow the requirements stated under the Election Law.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Hochadel

Cc: Seneca County District Attorney's Office
New York State Police
NYS Department of State Division of Licensing Services

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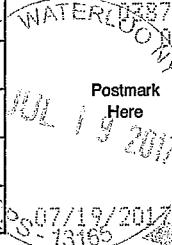
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Mr. Robert Shipley
3008 East Avenue
Waterloo NY 13165

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